

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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Report for the month of SEPTEMBER, 1946.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1946 was estimated to be 494,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Note: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			AUGUST		8 Months ended AUGUST	
			1946	1945	1946	1945
Marriages	...	No.	353	309	3,358	2,525
"	...	*Rate per 1,000 of Population	8.40	7.42	10.23	7.72
Births	...	No.	1,043	899	7,116	7,382
"	...	*Rate per 1,000 of Population	24.82	21.58	21.67	22.58
Deaths	...	No.	478	471	3,172	3,143
"	...	*Rate per 1,000 of Population	11.38	11.31	9.66	9.61
Infant Mortality	No.		38	32	237	210
"	"	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	36.43	35.60	33.31	28.45
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>						
Tuberculosis			16	17	125	117
Cancer			49	39	367	386
Influenza			3	1	10	3
Diphtheria			1	1	9	13
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			30	46	262	309
Arteriosclerosis			23	20	107	121
Diseases of the Heart			141	151	873	857
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			42	22	209	176
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			-	1	23	34
Nephritis			15	20	112	126
Diseases of Early Infancy			20	17	120	117
Senility			19	16	85	102
Accidents			21	26	207	167
All Other Causes			98	94	663	615
TOTAL			478	471	3,172	3,143

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September totalled 212,411 acres, an increase of 50,754 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,372,003 acres, an increase of 40,888 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of SEPTEMBER		3 months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,184,902	1,046,904	3,353,637	3,093,052
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.7.10d.	£2.2.8d.	£6.15.5d.	£6.6.1d.
Expenditure	1,165,274	1,122,030	3,572,743	3,479,266
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£2.7.0d.	£2.5.9d.	£7.4.3d.	£7.1.11d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th September amounted to £38,035,610, or £76.13.1d. per head of population, as against £33,306,838, or £67.17.3d. per head as at the 30th September last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 5 weeks ended 30th September, 1946 amounted to £3,704,316, compared with £2,864,909 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds			SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
			1946	1945	1946	1945
Transfers	..	(No. £)	1,648 793,117	914 396,136	5,166 2,622,050	2,877 1,173,426
Mortgages	..	(No. £)	892 632,131	316 257,255	2,894 2,340,010	992 1,027,821
Discharges of Mortgages	No.		763	571	2,650	1,729

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
<u>1945 -</u>	£	£	£	£
September	740,005	1,022,344	1,296,822	117,040
October	915,297	625,467	1,420,116	121,706
November	896,541	840,276	1,671,491	133,311
December	342,650	565,516	644,750	56,462
<u>1946 -</u>				
January	1,510,643	1,062,887	2,830,201	236,000
February	931,232	764,293	1,503,464	144,395
March	976,682	778,005	1,733,304	143,435
April	915,207	871,315	1,641,961	141,175
May	1,162,813	932,276	1,995,413	168,832
June	1,129,462	985,112	1,556,333	158,664
July	1,017,708	731,534	2,054,813	142,235
August	734,719	824,237	1,483,285	164,837
September	1,066,352	1,298,683	2,006,343	163,108

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

21 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £213,500, and 9 Foreign Companies were registered during the three months ended 30th September, 1946. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 10 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £458,000 and 11 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Three Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1946			1945		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	7	£ 7,084	£ 2,412	4	£ 11,601	£ 5,653
Deeds of Assignment (a)	2	4,107	4,387	-	-	-
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Gross Earnings £	350,100	326,700	683,200	648,800
Working Expenses £	361,111	334,473	734,037	649,914
Train Miles Run	600,774	510,847	1,174,620	1,021,959
Passenger Journeys	1,234,904	1,367,301	2,398,875	2,652,362
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	194,927	196,866	400,621	396,484
Livestock	12,796	8,595	25,227	18,939
Departmental (Free Freight)	52,313	41,753	104,972	79,042
Total	260,036	247,214	530,820	494,465
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	26,647,766	25,474,770	55,417,451	52,038,182
Livestock	1,900,510	927,572	3,430,019	2,032,130
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,569,375	5,879,747	17,434,373	11,548,672
Total	37,117,651	32,282,089	76,282,343	65,618,984

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth owned Vehicles)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1945	32	218	8	107	39	475	9	174
1946 -								
Jan.	8	13	-	27	8	24	-	35
Feb.	11	24	-	41	11	38	-	45
March	9	19	-	37	9	51	-	42
April	17	25	-	30	18	49	1	33
May	22	49	-	44	27	98	2	45
June *	8	16	-	19	9	25	-	19
July *	38	30	-	36	38	62	-	51
August *	45	27	2	37	46	53	2	47
Sept.	61	27	2	35	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available. * Revised.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles)

Date (as at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
1945 -								
June	18,478	6,603	244	2,783	30,635	23,649	294	4,501
1946 -								
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
July	18,534	7,623	80	3,912	29,679	26,110	144	5,944
August	19,029	8,444	204	4,289	30,668	28,312	270	6,565
Sept.	19,128	8,539	235	4,353	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1946 - September	92	401	5	5

T R A D E.

Trade of Western Australia (Interstate and Oversea) - August, 1946 and 1945 and years ended June, 1946 and 1945 - expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		12 Months ended June		AUGUST		12 Months ended June	
	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Overseas	723	392	6,041	5,052	2,575	1,289	*20,667	13,569
Interstate	2,162	1,492	16,119	13,432	306	473	5,878	5,834
Total	2,885	1,884	22,160	18,484	2,881	1,762	*26,545	19,403

* Revised.

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
Sept., 1946	*191	*207,019	15	29,360	229	24,966	*435	*261,345
Sept., 1945	141	108,425	6	4,786	207	25,048	354	138,259
3 Months ended								
SEPT., 1946	469	508,495	35	45,316	726	79,302	1,230	633,113
3 Months ended								
SEPT., 1945	279	210,435	6	4,786	553	53,404	838	268,625

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 101 for a value of £108,582.

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £	No.	Value £
Sept., 1946	*24	* 21,586	6	1,298	36	3,184	* 66	* 26,068
Sept., 1945	18	15,598	2	1,365	40	4,492	60	21,455
3 Months ended								
SEPT., 1946	80	69,984	15	5,308	136	13,886	231	89,178
3 Months ended								
SEPT., 1945	25	21,101	6	2,015	87	6,922	118	30,038

* Includes Dwellings under the Commonwealth-State Rental Housing Scheme which number 12 for a value of £11,884.

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,472,965 lbs. were produced during August, and 2,624,084 lbs. for the two months ended August, 1946, as against 1,376,289 lbs. and 2,484,848 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEP- TEMBER	
		1946	1945	1946	1945
Quantity	Fine Oz.	55,123	33,578	445,658	355,091
Value (Australian Currency) £		593,263	361,385	4,786,410	3,789,171

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the nine months ended September, 1946 amounted to £331,088, as against £307,166 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base, Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Food and Groceries :-				
Metropolitan Area	1053	1062	1057	1067
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1184	1193	1190	1199
Northam	1067	1071	1072	1077
Hunbury	1051	1046	1055	1051
Geraldton	1076	1086	1082	1090
Collie	1068	1072	1070	1076

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1942	1943	1944	1945(a)	1946(a)	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	116	128	137	142	146	1014	865	826	870	995
February	118	130	138	142	148	986	861	824	868	1016
March	118	132	139	144	152	962	846	825	877	1045
April	118	134	139	144	153	955	835	827	876	1051
May	119	131	140	144	155	927	836	832	891	1069
June	118	135	139	145	157	907	835	829	903	1087
July	117	136	140	145(a)	159	888	828	832	899	1096
August	119	136	140	144	160	882	814	832	897	1109
Sept.	120	137	140	141		877	806	834	914	
October	122	138	140	141		874	801	837	929	
November	123	136	141	144		873	814	851	965	
December	124	137	142	144		886	840	886	1012	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1945 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1946	1945	1946	1945
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	16,361	12,717	54,140	47,136
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	14,502	11,261	46,053	40,812

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
SEPTEMBER, 1946	5,070	436	88,071	15,864
SEPTEMBER, 1945	5,124	485	82,127	14,510
9 Months ended SEPTEMBER, 1946	74,794	2,834	597,775	121,491
9 Months ended SEPTEMBER, 1945	53,378	2,594	571,101	118,787